



VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM APPLICATION PACKET

For enrollment in Spring 2026

Application deadline is
September 25, 2025 (5pm MT)

Please note that class size is limited, therefore *meeting requirements* for admission to the Vet Tech program does not guarantee admission. Similarly, status as Pre-Vet Tech major does not mean automatic admission to the Vet Tech program. This is a competitive program.

To apply, email your letter of intent and your resume to Dr Shafer
(bshafer@coloradomesa.edu)

Applications will not be accepted after the deadline September 25th, 2025 (5pm MT)

For inquiries about the program please contact

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Admission prerequisites **must** be met, and all required documents must be submitted before applicants can be enrolled in the program. The applicant should keep a copy of his / her application package as documents will not be returned.

Admission to the Veterinary Technology Program is competitive and will be based on the following criteria: 1) Aptitude for the profession including following directions, attention to detail, 2) Oral and written communication skills, and 3) Scholarship

Requirements (you need these to be eligible for admission)

1. Be 18 years of age or older by January 19, 2026
2. Admittance/ Enrollment into CMU Tech
3. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent
4. If you attended other colleges, please check with student services for equivalency of classes, and make sure they transfer.
5. Must have **completed prerequired coursework or be scheduled to complete it** by the end of Fall semester prior to admission into the program (spring).
 - a. ENGL 111, SPCH 101, MATH 108, and BIOL 105 or BIOL 101, and lab,
 - b. These courses must be completed with a C or higher and with a 2.5 or above cumulative GPA

Application package (you need to submit these)

6. Submit a **personal statement**. In a written statement tell us why you want to be a veterinary technician, include mentors, specific instances and/or reasons you feel you would be good at it. Use this to tell us about your animal experience.
 - a. Make sure your name is on the personal statement
 - b. 300-500 words
 - c. 20 points max.
 - i. Content 10 pts (5 pts for motivation, 5 pts for experience and compassion)
 - ii. Grammar & spelling 5 pts
 - iii. Composition 5 pts
7. **Resume** please submit an updated resume with your application, including all animal experience. If you have worked or volunteered at a veterinary clinic or veterinary setting, describe your duties and how long you worked there. 10 pt max.

Save the personal statement and the resume as PDFs and make sure to include your last name in the file name when you submit them (e.g. Jones S resume, Jones S Personal statement)

8. **Interview-** Applicants that meet the requirements (listed under #5) by the submission deadline (on first page of this package), will be invited for an interview. The format of this will be multiple mini-interviews. For more information about these please visit: <https://students-residents.aamc.org/applying-medical-school/what-it-s-participate-multiple-mini-interviews-mmis>

The applicant will visit 4-5 stations and meet with 1-2 interviewers (veterinarians, vet techs and /or faculty) at each station. Each station will have a different question, each interview is an opportunity to make a first impression. The applicant will spend 10-15-minutes at each station to discuss the question. After this, the applicant will go to the next station. Some stations may evaluate teamwork and problem-solving skills, so you may be paired with other applicants for these.

Admission

Based on the statement of purpose, resume, and interviews, applicants will be ranked, and provisional admission will be offered to the highest scoring applicants.

However, provisional admissions may be withdrawn if at the end of the fall semester an applicant did received less than a C in any pre-required course work that was in progress at the time of the interview, or their cumulative grade point average (including their fall grades), falls below the required 2.5 GPA. In such cases the spot in the program will be offered to waitlisted applicants. Unsuccessful applicants who want to be considered for the next academic year, must **resubmit** their application.

Therefore, if you are waitlisted, make sure we have a valid email and you check your email daily after the end of the semester, in case a spot opens.